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**BREAKING: Police Investigating Shooting at Off-Campus Apartments Sunday Morning**

Clare O'Toole

February 14, 2021

In a campus-wide email Sunday morning, Wright State University (WSU) police alerted students, faculty and staff to a shooting in Cimarron Woods Apartments on Zink Road just off-campus early Sunday morning.

The Fairborn Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred off-campus at the Cimarron Apartments located off of Zink Rd. on Sunday, February 14 at approximately 2:22 a.m.

Nothing is being shared about the suspect or victim at this time, and the investigation is active.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact the Fairborn Police Department at 937-754-3000.

This is a developing story.

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Weekly Horoscopes  
Star Signer  
February 15, 2021

Some of us clean when we are bored, and some of us clean while we procrastinate, but what kind of cleaner are you? Read here to find out how you clean based on your zodiac sign.

## **ARIES**

Aries, you are the most normal of all the signs when it comes to cleaning. You clean when you see it needs to be done and that is about it. You often get bursts of motivation to clean, but those are few and far between.

## **TAURUS**

Taurus, you are extremely meticulous about cleaning. You have a long drawn out plan and schedule. You have certain cleaning activities that you do every week, month, and year.

## **GEMINI**

Gemini, you are the kind of person that finds cleaning calming and satisfying. You don't always clean, but when you do, you find that it clears your mind and puts you at ease.

## **CANCER**

Cancer, you don't really clean unless it is absolutely necessary. You'll let your room get so dirty that you can't see the floor. However, when dust or dirt accumulates, you find time to clean.

## **LEO**

Leo you are an absolute go-getter. When you set your mind to something, nothing gets in the way, but that doesn't really apply to cleaning. You are so busy that oftentimes cleaning gets pushed aside. You make small efforts once in a while, but that's about it.

## **VIRGO**

Virgo gets the best of both worlds when it comes to cleanliness. They are meticulous when it comes to dirt and dust. You won't find a virgo's room to be dirty. However, they may not

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necessarily be what you call organized. They need a little bit of mess to fuel their creative minds.

### **LIBRA**

Libra, you are perhaps the least likely to clean out of all of the signs. You find it to be a waste of time. If your furniture is going to continue to collect dust, then what is the point? If the floor will continue to attract your clothes... what is the point in picking them up?

### **SCORPIO**

Scorpio, you often use cleaning as a form of procrastination. If you have things that you do not want to do, it is always the perfect time to clean. That also means that if you are having fun, cleaning is not likely to happen.

### **SAGITTARIUS**

Sagittarius, you are one that takes pride in how lazy you can be. You put in the work when it matters, but cleaning does not fit in that category. It is likely that you will only do the dishes when you run out of plates or only do the laundry when you run out of clothes.

### **CAPRICORN**

Capricorn, you are perhaps what everyone would call the clean freak or germaphobe. You like everything to be clean and organized at all times. The coronavirus is perhaps the worst thing that has happened to you in your lifetime and you are terrified of catching it.

### **AQUARIUS**

Aquarius, you are always down to earth and ready to set aside time to do the necessary cleaning and help others with theirs. Don't let this fool you though, even though you clean, it isn't really thorough.

### **PISCES**

Pisces, cleaning is kind of an in-the-moment activity for you. You clean when you feel like it and only when you feel like it. When you do end up cleaning, you go all in and make sure you do a good job. You try to make cleaning fun too.

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WSU's Winter Weather Plans: What You Need to Know

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

February 15, 2021

As Ohioans shovel their way through the winter season, Wright State University (WSU) has taken several collective measures to ensure the safety of students and faculty on campus.

## **Parking lot safety**

As students returned to campus for the spring semester, multiple parking lots were closed off with cones and "Closed through Spring Semester" signs.

"We closed these lots down during the winter months to eliminate the need for treating them for icy and snowy conditions," said Manager of Grounds and Transportation Joe Dick.

Parking areas that have been closed off this semester include portions of the Creative Arts Center and Dunbar Library lots. These lots were deemed nonessential due to reduced personnel on campus.

"When deciding on what lots to close, we looked at lots that really only serve one building. The lots that are open serve more than one building," said Dick.

Closed lots are expected to reopen next semester.

## **Other safety concerns**

In addition to parking lot safety, students have been advised to be aware of their dorm or apartment room temperature as the winter months bring low temperatures. By keeping windows closed and thermostats above 60 degrees, students are helping to prevent emergencies such as a frozen pipe.

"This may seem like common sense, but sometimes a resident will assume their roommate in the room or apartment will take care of these items, and it will get left open. Even a small gap could lead to a frozen, busted pipe if unattended," said Director of Residence and Housing Dan Bertsos.

In instances where the road conditions are a safety concern, both the Dayton and Lake campuses have incorporated delayed in-person event start times as well as cancelations when necessary.

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“This decision is made by a team composed of leadership from Grounds, Public Safety, and Facilities that makes recommendations to the President,” said Interim Director of Public Safety Kurt Holden. “In the event there is a delay or closure, we try to have that decision made a couple hours in advance to not disrupt students, staff, or faculty commutes to campus as we understand many do travel.”

A variety of factors are taken into consideration when announcing a delay or closure, such as road conditions, current and future weather conditions and other local university delays and closures.

Students are advised to opt into the Wright State Alert system, as well as follow WSU on social media, to stay up to date on university announcements and weather-related incidents.

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Volleyball Goes 2-0 Over Oakland, Continuing Undefeated Season

Noah Kindig

February 15, 2021

Women's volleyball goes 2-0 over Oakland, continuing their undefeated season.

## **Summary**

The women's volleyball team continued their undefeated season with two wins over Oakland 3-1 and 3-0. The set they lost not only was ridiculously long ending at 38-36, but it was the first set they have lost all year.

After this weekend's games, both the Raiders and the UIC Flames are 6-0 and at the top of the standings, followed by Purdue Fort Wayne at 4-2. The Flames have only dropped two sets all year, and the Raiders have only dropped one, as both teams are playing in top form to start the season.

The players to watch for the weekend's action were Oakland's freshman star Patti Cesarini with 32 kills over both games, Wright State's Teddie Sauer with 19 kills and seven blocks in game one, and Wright State's Jenna Story with 74 digs over both games.

## **Game One (25-17, 25-20, 36-38, 25-21)**

Just like their first four games, the Raiders scored important points due to their serves and blocks, winning aces 9-5 and blocking 13-5. Callie Martin hit four aces in the match for the Raiders, and Teddie Sauer with Megan Alders combined for 12 blocks to deny the Oakland offense.

They finished the match with a 0.185 hitting percentage to Oakland's 0.131, hitting 0.333 in the first set versus Oakland's 0.07. The Grizzlies had 43 total attempts in the set to the Raiders' 39, but their three errors versus Oakland's eight gave them the set 25-17.

The Raider defense was also incredibly solid throughout the game, with three Wright State players securing 20 digs or above to keep them in rallies.

Both teams fought hard in the third set, with Wright State going out to a big lead early 12-3, but the Grizzlies hit back just as hard to tie the set at 24.

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The set would tie 13 more times, with eight Wright State match-point opportunities, but 13 kills from middle hitter Jamie Walling denied Wright State their fifth straight sweep, and a kill from Brittany Welch gave the Raiders their first set loss of the season.

Both teams started out even in the fourth set, but six service aces from the Raiders pushed them ahead, broke the Oakland defense and continued their undefeated season, winning the set 25-21.

### **Game Two (25-14, 25-18, 25-20)**

The Raiders won even more convincingly in match two, with Wright State hitting 0.287 with seven errors through the game and Oakland hitting at a season low 0.124 hitting with 20 errors.

Offensively, Cesarini hit her fourth straight match for the Grizzlies with double digit kills, but three Wright State players hitting double digits won the Raiders the kills fight 48-39. In assists Lainey Stephenson's 33 led the Raiders versus Madison Ross's 18, winning that battle as well 42-32.

Wright State won blocks and aces once again 5-3 4-2, with Celia Powers's hustle securing three blocks and two aces for the Raiders.

Defensively Jenna Story tied her digs from the day before, hitting 37 to Lindsay Wightman's 28. Additionally, Stephenson's and Ruskaup's 13 each gave the Raiders 87 total digs throughout the match.

The Raiders won in nearly every metric, as a kill from Nyssa Baker secured their fifth sweep this season and their 6th straight win 3-0.



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WSU Offers Virtual Events for Annual Engineering Week

Roxanne Roessner

February 16, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) will be hosting Engineering Week, an annual event and an opportunity for all students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science to network with employers. The events take place from Feb. 22 to Feb. 26, with the virtual Engineering Day on Tues. Feb. 23 from 1-3 p.m. on Collaborate Ultra.

## **Job opportunities**

Engineering week seeks to help WSU students from both campuses, Lake and Dayton, to find internships within the engineering field.

Career Services Advisor Katy Popplewell is excited to have The Lake Campus involved in Engineering Week and the upcoming Virtual Career Day for WSU.

“Engineering Week is trying to get students out and participate in their environments. I think the most important thing is for students to be proactive in taking initiative to network and connect with employers that might have co-ops and part-time opportunities,” said Popplewell.

## **Collaborate Ultra**

The events will be held online due to the coronavirus pandemic. From 1 to 3 p.m. on Tues. Feb. 23, students can join the open lobby on Collaborate Ultra. From there, students can move to and from breakout rooms with different employers every 15 minutes.

According to College of Engineering & Computer Science Career Consultant Sheryl Kent, this is the current list of participating employers as of Feb. 11:

Celina Aluminum Precision Technology Inc. (CAPT),

Crown Equipment Corporation,

Danone,

Kratos Space,

Midmark,



Silfex and

Wright Patterson AFB/ AFLCMC EGR Division.

"It will allow time for employers to give a brief overview of who they are, what they're looking for and any current opportunities that students might be interested in applying for," said Popplewell.

According to Popplewell, WSU wants to stay ahead of the curve and educate students on how to navigate an online platform for future job positions. For students to be successful in the future, they need to understand the technological aspects of the world.

### **Résumé classes**

According to the flyers about Engineering Week, it will conclude with Employer Résumé Critiques with Booz Allen Hamilton.

"Students who would like to participate in the Résumé Drop are encouraged to log onto Handshake and apply for positions that interest them," said Kent.

There will be résumé critiques during the week. The résumés should be functional and list technical skills and any relevant coursework that would resonate with the job description.

### **Upcoming events**

After Engineering Week concludes, there will be another virtual career day for multiple majors. The reason why engineers have a specific week is that engineering is a huge major at both campuses.

March 15, 17 and 19 will be the Virtual Career Days that will function the same as Engineering Week. Each day will offer different specializations in several majors.

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Book Recommendations: Books From Black Authors

Ariel Parker

February 16, 2021

For Black History Month, we want to celebrate Black authors and their contribution to literature. Here are just a few recommendations to get started!

## **“The Mothers” by Brit Bennett**

Bennett’s debut novel was an immediate hit upon its release. This beautifully written novel is set in a tight-knit community in Southern California and follows Nadia and Luke’s short romance one summer. But after one fateful decision leaves a lasting impact on their lives and their community, they move through their lives wondering where they would be now if such a life-altering decision had not happened.

## **“Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi**

This is another debut novel that took the literary world by storm. We are first introduced to two half-sisters in 18th century Ghana. They are born in different villages and follow them as one is married off to an Englishman and the other sold off into the booming slave trade. Spanning hundreds of years and multiple generations, we follow their descendants living very different lives.

## **“How Long ‘Til Black Future Month?” by N. K. Jemisin**

Jemisin is well-known for her books about gods walking among us, and in this collection of short stories, you can get a taste of her spectacular storytelling. Filled with speculative and sci-fi stories with dragons, history and magic, this is a great introduction to Jemisin’s craft and imagination. One of her stories, “A City Born Great,” was also later used as the basis for her most recent release, “The City We Became.”

## **“Passing” by Nella Larsen**

This Harlem Renaissance classic follows Irene, who has a successful life in Harlem, who connects with her childhood best friend, Clare, a light-skinned Black woman who is now passing for white. Clare’s decision is full of major challenges, and Irene is worried when Clare begins to long for the life she might have had.



## **“Beloved” by Toni Morrison**

Morrison is a well-known and loved writer, and for good reason. Not only is this one of her most popular works, but it also won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988, and is still taught in classrooms and universities around the world. This is an emotional and evocative work following a woman that is literally haunted by tragedy, and one that will make you stay up late in the night to read until the very last page.

## **More Recommendations**

There are so many other fantastic books to pick up. If none of the above interest you, here are a few YA and middle-grade suggestions: “Pet” by Akwaeke Emezi, a middle-grade novel about a world where monsters do not exist; “The Poet X” by Elizabeth Acevedo, is a YA novel in verse that follows a Harlem teen girl trying to navigate the world; and “Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky” by Kwame Mbalia, a Rick Riordan Presents novel about a seventh-grade boy who accidentally rips a hole into another universe filled with African gods and magic!

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Campus Crime Notes for Week of Jan. 29

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

February 16, 2021

During the week of Jan. 29, four different crimes were reported on the Wright State University main campus.

## **Drug offenses**

Two separate drug offenses were reported on campus with the first taking place on Jan. 29 in Cedar Hall, and the second on Feb. 2 in Pine Hall.

In both situations, the suspect was accused of drug abuse and referred to Community Standards.

## **Liquor offenses**

On Jan. 31, a student in the Honors complex was charged with underage drinking.

This student was referred to Community Standards as well.

## **Larceny**

On Feb. 4, a theft was reported in the Dunbar Library.

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How to Keep Your Heart Healthy Amidst a Pandemic

Maxwell Patton

February 17, 2021

With the coronavirus pandemic still raging with increased stress levels, it is more important than ever to take care of your heart during American Heart Month.

The month was created in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson as a way to fight heart disease, a leading cause of death in the United States. One American dies every 36 seconds from the condition, according to the official CDC website, and the coronavirus pandemic has made the situation worse.

## **Coronavirus and heart disease**

“People who are infected with COVID, even if they have mild COVID or maybe even asymptomatic COVID, are at risk of developing inflammation of the heart muscle called myocarditis,” said Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine and Neurology with the Boonshoft School of Medicine Dr. Glen Solomon.

It is unknown how frequent that this risk appears, but some studies have shown it to be around 15%.

“The issue is that it is some reasonably high number of people who get COVID infections, even if they’re not particularly sick with COVID, and get inflammation of the heart muscle,” said Solomon. “That was a reason why college athletics was originally put on hold in the fall, because of the fear that college athletes wouldn’t know that they had this and could actually damage their hearts long-term.”

## **Other contributing factors**

Solomon says individuals who have tested positive for the coronavirus are at risk in an increase of blood clots.

“The blood clots can cause clots in the lungs, which affect the heart,” said Solomon. “They cause clots in the brain, giving strokes in young adults, and cause clots in the heart itself, causing heart attacks.”

The coronavirus itself has led to an increased risk for the disease, but lifestyle changes and stress have been impactful.

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“COVID has been a real challenge from the standpoint of heart disease because weight is going up,” said Solomon. “They can’t go to the gym, so exercise is down, eating is up, smoking is up and alcohol use appears to be up.”

### **Eating right**

One of the ways that people can protect their hearts is by watching what they eat and being mindful of their weight since obesity is a major risk factor for diabetes, which contributes to a higher risk of heart disease.

“People need to be careful of their weight and not overeat during social isolation and being at home,” said Solomon. “What you eat is important as well as how much you eat, and people need to be aware to try and reduce the amount of saturated fat that they eat and trans fats that are in commercially-baked products.”

Solomon recommends that people move towards adopting a Mediterranean diet, which is rich in fruits, vegetables and legumes. He also recommends limiting how much salt we consume.

“Too much salt may lead to an increase in blood pressure, which is a major risk factor for heart disease as well,” said Solomon.

### **Exercising during the winter**

Another way to protect the heart is to get plenty of exercise.

“Even if it’s 15 or 20 minutes a day, it helps,” said Solomon. “Anything people do to get moving is useful, and exercise can be things like vacuuming the floor or cleaning the room.”

Medical student Sophia Proschel believes that besides diet and exercise, another method for heart health is taking charge of our mental health.

“I think therapy would benefit everyone, but cost and time can be a barrier to that,” said Proschel. “We know cognitive behavioral therapy is the most effective mode of therapy for improving depression, anxiety and stress, and it can actually be done at home with online resources.”

College students who are currently in their 20s are building up plaque in their arteries, which will have lasting consequences once they reach the age of 50 or 60. Solomon believes that it is important to live a healthy life now to avoid those issues in the future.

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“When we talk about heart disease and keeping our hearts healthy, we also want to put into perspective that that also means preventing strokes and, to some extent, preventing dementia and Alzheimer’s disease,” said Solomon.



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WSU Seeking to Provide Emergency Aid with Employee Hardship Fund

Nicolas Benvenuto

February 17, 2021

An idea born out of human resources, the Wright State University (WSU) Employee Hardship Fund is coming into fruition and is aiming to be set-in-stone by the end of the spring semester.

## **What is the Employee Hardship Fund**

The intention of the Employee Hardship Fund is to provide a mechanism of temporary financial assistance for both faculty and staff of WSU in times of emergency or temporary financial hardship.

Chief Human Resources Officer Shari Mickey-Boggs is shepherding the institution of the WSU Employee Hardship Fund, and said that providing emergency relief for faculty and staff has been a long-standing topic of discussion amongst the two bodies over the course of her tenure at the university.

“I would hear members of the now Staff Senate say things like ‘it would be nice if we could support employees in some way when they are in a crisis situation’,” Mickey-Boggs said. “There are leave banks and a variety of other mediums that other institutions have explored so I went out and did some research. I had a colleague at Vanderbilt University talk to me about an Employee Hardship Fund they had created and I thought it was a really neat idea.”

Mickey-Boggs said that in her research she found funds in similar contexts have been established at places such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Vanderbilt University since the mid-'90s.

Most recently, Mickey-Boggs spent time looking into Ohio State University (OSU) and an Employee Hardship Fund at OSU that is run through their Employee Assistance Program and has been in place for roughly 10 years.

Taking the idea to Interim Vice President of University Advancement and Director of Planned Giving Bill Bigham, Mickey-Boggs inquired about seeking possible backing from the WSU Foundation and something advertisable as a part of the university's charitable campaign.

“For me, the pandemic was the final straw that made me really want to push for this to come to life and say hey, now is the time,” Mickey-Boggs said.

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The Employee Hardship Fund has been a topic of discussion at recent Faculty Senate meetings, receiving backing from WSU President Sue Edwards during the Senate meeting on Jan. 25.

“We have heard talks of a potential Employee Hardship Fund, and while details on this are still in the works this is a great opportunity for our employees to help one another during crisis situations,” Edwards said.

Additionally, Faculty President Dr. Laura Leuhrmann sought unanimous approval on the backing of the Employee Hardship Fund during the Jan. 25 Faculty Senate Meeting.

According to Mickey-Boggs, Leuhrmann is also serving as a part of a core group of leaders in the finalization of the Employee Hardship Fund and the creation of a Frequently Asked Questions document that can be distributed amongst the Raider Community.

### **Remaining sensitive**

Mickey-Boggs said that an Employee Hardship Fund Committee will be established and will be the governing body over the funds to be allocated.

This committee will be composed of members from the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate, with an exact number of committee members to be announced at a later date.

“We must be able to discern if the employee requesting funds is indeed facing a temporary financial issue, or if the issue at hand requires the employee to seek a different means of support. This could be financial counseling or a number of other agencies at our disposal,” Mickey-Boggs said.

At this time, Mickey-Boggs will serve as the point person for applications, rendering her responsible for redacting personal identifying information and keeping the process as anonymous as possible.

“Of course, anonymity cannot be 100% guaranteed, but we are doing our best to protect and remain aware of the privacy of those applying,” Mickey-Boggs said. “There are a few people that will have to know the names of applicants such as myself as I intake the application and those involved in the payment process. We realize that putting yourself out there and asking for help is not an easy task at times, so again, we want to make those individuals comfortable and maintain sensitivity at all times.”

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**BREAKING:** Dr. Oliver Evans Named University Interim Provost

Jamie Naylor

February 17, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) President Sue Edwards announced the appointment of Dr. Oliver Evans to serve the role of interim provost in a campus-wide statement Wednesday morning.

## **The position**

The university provost position has recently been held by current WSU President Sue Edwards, who held the position for nearly two years before being promoted to president. Douglas Leaman then filled the vacant position as interim provost from January 2020 until February 2021.

Due to the Interim Provost Leaman's transfer to another university, the position will be filled by Dr. Evans pending a permanent appointment in fall 2021.

## **Overview**

Dr. Evans is an experienced leader who has served in many higher education roles at different universities across the nation, including that of the provost.

He also holds experience in the liberal arts and humanities, with degrees in English, including his doctorate. This experience will prove valuable to the liberal arts portion of WSU.

## **Goals**

As interim provost, Dr. Evans will work closely with President Sue Edwards and other WSU administration to alleviate administrative duties, help carry out university plans, help with university goals of enrollment and retention and navigate through staff and administration appointments.

Dr. Evans will start his new duties Feb. 22, 2021.

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Dayton's Not Dead: Wild Axe Throwing Beavercreek  
Nicolas Benvenuto  
February 18, 2021

Wild Axe Throwing in Beavercreek is a locally owned business that takes pride in providing its guests with a socially distanced, fun and interactive axe throwing experience like none other.

In June of 2019, Owner and Wright State University (WSU) Alumnus Daniel Huiet and his business partner sought out to create a business that provided guests with a private and professional axe throwing experience with a similar model to that of his other business, The Great Escape Game.

"We had seen similar axe throwing business models running successfully in both Cincinnati and in Columbus, and we believed we could create an even better experience here in Beavercreek," Huiet said. "Online lane scheduling is something we had prior experience in with The Great Escape Game, so this model fit perfectly and it was an easy transition into this new business."

## **The experience**

Wild Axe Throwing hosts nine different axe throwing lanes that run independently from one another, and an additional party room for groups of 10 or more that provides guests with extra privacy and an additional 30 minutes of throwing time.

"Some axe throwing places make you throw simultaneously across all lanes. This is something we didn't want to do. While it's still fun, I feel it takes away from the amount of throws each guest gets, and it makes the experience far less private. We want our guests to come in and get the most out of their time here and get as many opportunities to throw as possible," Huiet said.

After signing the required waiver, guests obtain an axe throwing nickname either from a list of pre-written nicknames or create their own and are then greeted by their assigned Axe Master.

Axe Masters guide guests through the entire one-hour axe throwing experience, beginning with a 10-minute practice throwing session.

"Our Axe Masters are great," said Wild Axe Manager and WSU student Kristen Cross.

"Everyone's a little nervous when they first come in thinking that they won't be able to hit the target or get their throw to stick. Trust me when I say that after 10 minutes or so you will get the

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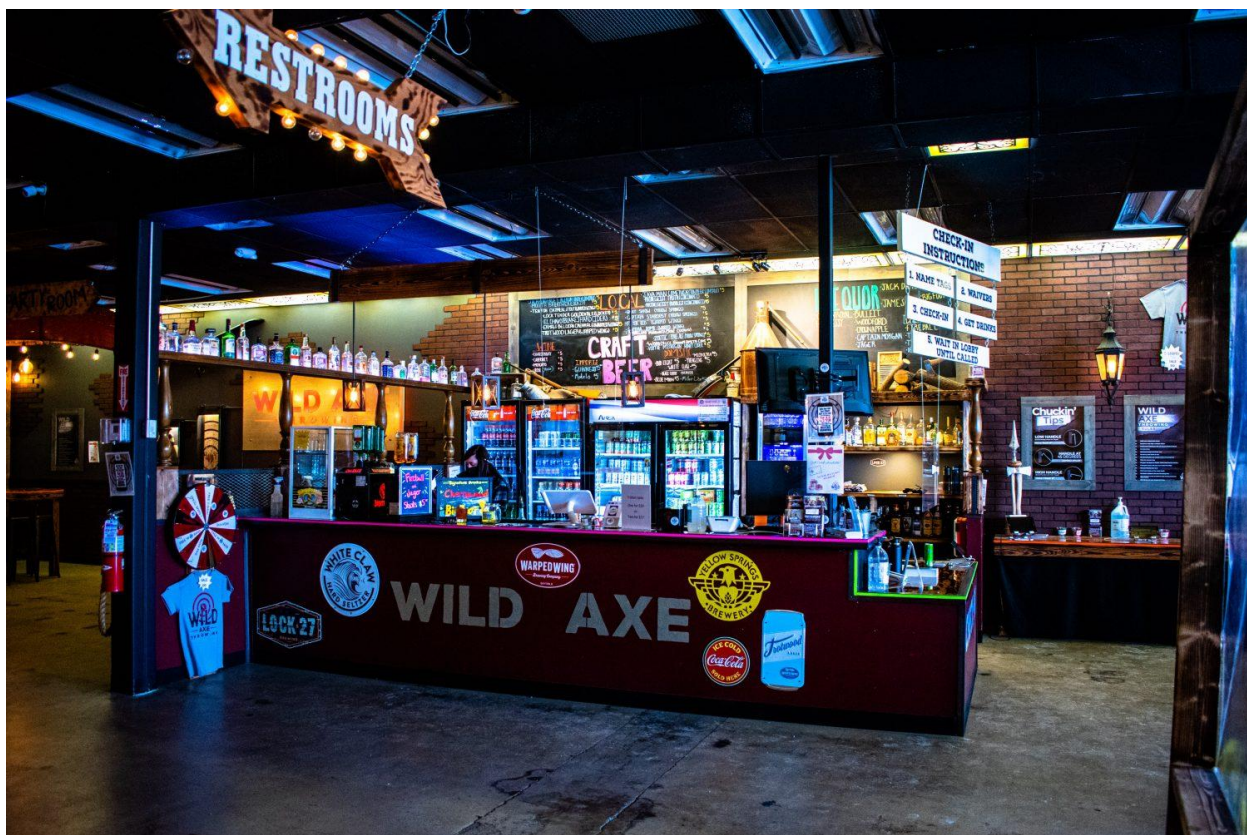
hang of it. That's what we are here for, to help you get the most out of your experience with us," Cross said.

After warming up and getting used to the proper throwing technique, guests will begin a 30-minute-long session of different games and competitions amongst group members.

### Why visit?

Whether you're looking for a good first date spot, looking to share a few drinks with your friends or just want to tune up your axe throwing skills; Wild Axe Throwing has it covered.

"I will jokingly tell some of the guys that if they need help on their date that I'm right behind the counter for tips. All jokes aside, Wild Axe is a great place for groups to come in and let loose for a little bit. We have a full liquor license and offer specialty cocktails and beer for guests who are of age to drink responsibly. Our featured cocktails include the Cherrywood and the Bigfoot, and we also serve non-alcoholic drinks for our guests too," Cross said.



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Roney Pena of Dayton shared a positive experience after visiting Wild Axe Throwing for the first time at the beginning of the New Year.

“Wild Axe Throwing is a great place for a group of your friends to go and do something you may have never done before,” Pena said. “I came with a group of my friends after being invited to a wedding and our Axe Master had us all honed in within minutes. I didn’t think I was going to be able to get my throws to stick but it’s really not that hard once you learn the proper form. It’s a place I’ll definitely be returning to when I have the time!”

Wild Axe Throwing in Beavercreek is open for business Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday’s and Saturday’s from 1 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and on Sunday’s from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To book a lane or to read more information on Wild Axe Throwing, click [here](#).



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Gender Inclusive Restrooms: A More Inclusive Campus

Alexis Wisler

February 18, 2021

Inspired by the Residential Community Association (RCA), Resolution 21-06 has been passed by the Student Government Association (SGA) to add more gender-inclusive restrooms to Wright State University (WSU) and educate the public on the importance of them.

## **Residential Community Association**

For Residence Hall Community Council President Dylan Wolfe, adding gender-inclusive restrooms to the honors hall was just a stepping-stone approach to more inclusivity on campus.

“We wanted to expand inclusiveness on campus, since I don’t think it’s the most inclusive campus that there is,” said Wolfe.

Currently there are two gender-inclusive restrooms at the honors dorms. One is located at the back of the plaza and the second is located on the first floor.

After seeing Wolfe and RCA add gender-inclusive bathrooms to the honors hall, SGA Residential Senator Jonathan Ciero decided to bring the idea to SGA.

## **New and improved restrooms**

The resolution passed by SGA aims to add more gender-inclusive bathrooms on campus as well as upgrade the existing ones.

“I think my biggest problem with the restrooms on campus that are gender-inclusive is that just the signs have changed, and while that is a good show of solidarity, we could have all the bells and whistles. I think this is a good step in making that happen,” said Residential Community Association Director of Internal Affairs Chad Dudash.

According to Dudash, the existing restrooms could be updated to provide more privacy for those using them. Currently, the gender-inclusive restrooms on campus look the same on the inside as gendered restrooms, and Dudash thinks that this is not the best way to be inclusive.

Another problem with the existing gender-inclusive restrooms on campus is that some of them are hidden. Dudash hopes that new restrooms will be added in places with higher visibility. The

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Student Union's gender-inclusive restrooms are located in the basement, but Dudash thinks there is a better location for additional inclusive restrooms.

"Places like Millett hall and Allen hall are right there when you walk in, but I think the ones near the Student Union Market would be a good one to change because that's the most public one that will be used when students are visiting," said Dudash.

Schools across the state are starting to add gender-inclusive restrooms and adding highly visible ones to the Student Union would be a good look for Wright State, according to Associate Director of LGBTQA Affairs Emily Yantis-Houser.

### **Educating the public**

Along with adding more restrooms and upgrading the existing ones, RCA and SGA wish to educate the WSU community about why gender-inclusive restrooms are important.

Currently, there are supposed to be two gender-inclusive restrooms in every building on campus, but some have been converted back to gendered restrooms after facing backlash.

More of the debate against the restrooms has come from staff and faculty rather than students, according to Yantis-Houser

"There was one particular staff person, which is why they changed the one in Diggs Laboratory, that was bound and determined that this was the bathroom they always used and that it will not be inclusive," said Yantis-Houser

The best way to educate the public right now, according to Dudash, is by utilizing social media to reach a bigger audience. Dudash wants people to understand that they don't have to be a part of the LGBTQ+ community to use the gender-inclusive restrooms.

### **Resources**

Any students who want more information about gender-inclusive restrooms on campus can visit the webpage Trans at Wright State or contact Yantis-Houser for more information.

<https://www.wright.edu/inclusive-excellence/culture-and-identity-centers/lgbtqa-affairs/trans-at-wright-state#restrooms>



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Will Ohio Receive Enough COVID Vaccines?

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

February 18, 2021

As the United States continues to roll out the coronavirus vaccine, Ohio continues to struggle to vaccinate its population. As of Feb. 4, less than 10% of the state has received their first round of the vaccination.

## **Coronavirus vaccine**

In December 2020, two different coronavirus vaccines began to be dispersed around the world with multi-phase vaccination plans. The general idea for vaccination has been to start with elderly and high-risk individuals and roll-out the vaccine to larger populations as more doses become readily available.

“COVID-19 vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19 without us having to get the illness. Different types of vaccines work in different ways to offer protection, but with all types of vaccines, the body is left with a supply of ‘memory’ T-lymphocytes as well as B-lymphocytes that will remember how to fight that virus in the future,” said the CDC via their website.

According to the Bloomberg Covid-19 Tracker, anywhere from 7-13% of each state’s population has received one dose of either of the coronavirus vaccines as of Feb. 4.

Only 1-4% of Americans have been fully vaccinated.

## **Ohio’s vaccine status**

Although Ohio is the seventh most populated state in the nation, only 8% of citizens have received the first dose of one of the coronavirus vaccines, with 2% receiving their second dose.

When newly-inaugurated President Joe Biden asked United States governors what resources they need to fight coronavirus, Gov. Mike DeWine reiterated the importance of vaccine distribution.

“Our biggest problem is really simple: it’s a lack of vaccine,” said DeWine during a news conference the day after the Presidential Inauguration. “I know every other state has the same

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problem, but I wanted the Biden administration to understand, the President to understand that this is the most important thing.”

In addition to the fight for more vaccine doses, Ohioans have also been expressing their frustration towards the vaccine distribution. Common complaints include limited vaccine doses as well as the difficulty of scheduling a vaccination, to which DeWine said there is a plan in progress to develop one portal to schedule a coronavirus vaccine for the entire state.

As more vaccines start to become available for Ohioans, Wright State Physicians (WSP) on the Dayton Campus will eventually become a vaccination site.

“Wright State Physicians will update the campus community when more information is available about providing vaccines on campus,” said WSP via their vaccination update webpage.

For up-to-date vaccination site locations in Ohio, click [here](#).

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What are the Most Common Crimes Reported on WSU's Campus?

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February 18, 2021

From spring of 2019 to fall of 2020, Wright State University (WSU) has seen an overall decrease in financial losses due to campus crime with minor exceptions as well as a decrease in the number of crimes reported on campus.

### **Financial losses**

The two most common crimes reported on the WSU main campus that show a substantial monetary effect to the university are theft and larceny.

For spring and fall of 2019 combined, \$35,789.97 was the reported loss for all crimes categorized as larceny or theft (a total of 43 crimes); however, the combined dollar loss for spring and fall of 2020 in this category was \$13,443.56 (a total of 23 crimes).

Spring 2019 when compared to spring 2020, rendered similar financial losses despite a gap of nearly 90 crimes from 2019 to 2020, with a \$94.56 increase in losses from 2019 to 2020.

The difference between fall 2019 and fall 2020 is much greater, with a 209 gap and an over \$19,000 loss decrease from 2019 to 2020.

In total, the overall dollar loss reported for spring and fall 2019 semesters was \$36,289.97, a mere \$500 coming from crimes unrelated to theft and larceny. For the spring and fall of 2020, a total loss of \$16,486.56 was reported, warranting slightly more than a \$3,000 loss increase when including non-theft and larceny crimes.

### **Rate of crime**

Similar to the financial loss decrease, the overall total of crimes on campus has also decreased from 2019 to 2020. Spring and fall of 2019 consisted of 697 reported crimes, while spring and fall of 2020 had a total of 404.

Some areas of crime have remained in a consistent range across the last two years. For example, the sex-related crime rate has consistently remained below ten reports per semester, and assault reports have remained below five per semester as well.

Other areas of crime have varied more per semester, such as "non-criminal" reports. These cases can vary from fire alarm-related issues to mental health cases. Non-criminal crimes have

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varied from 233 reports in spring 2019, to 241 reports in fall 2019, to 172 reports in spring 2020 and ending with 103 reports in fall 2020.

It is important to note that midway through the spring 2020 semester, students were removed from campus due to the coronavirus pandemic and a limited amount of faculty and students were allowed to resume in-person activities come fall 2020.

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What is the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee?

Nick Wood

February 19, 2021

On Jan. 22, Wright State University's (WSU) Board of Trustees Chair Tom Gunlock announced the establishment of a new intercollegiate athletics committee. Marty Grunder will chair this committee, aimed at exploring the current and future states of intercollegiate athletics at WSU.

## **Goals and purpose**

"The current pandemic has significantly disrupted collegiate sports at all levels...the NCAA may well be forced to make significant changes to their operational parameters which could impact all participating universities," Gunlock said in a public statement regarding the new committee. "It is my belief that we are best served to be proactive in our review of this area and understand how it may affect us here at WSU."

This proactive review specifically involves analysis of four major areas: the current role of athletics for WSU and its students, the scope of the financial and participatory impacts of coronavirus on intercollegiate athletics, potential regulation changes from the NCAA and the best position for athletics at WSU going forward.

Trustees joining Grunder in the newly formed committee are Andrew Platt, Brittney Whiteside and former Chair Doug Fecher. Grunder is a University of Dayton alumnus and the President and CEO of Grunder Landscaping Co. He joined WSU's Board of Trustees in 2019.

"Anything I can do to help WSU, I want to do," Grunder said on accepting this position.

"COVID-19 is a tremendous disrupter, but in every challenge, there are opportunities...we need to make sure that we're looking at this disruption for what it is and to see if there's not a better way to set us up going forward."

## **The pandemic's impact**

WSU has been forced to make significant changes to athletics operations since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. On top of adopting new safety regulations aligning with CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines, WSU cut the softball and men's and women's tennis programs due to Covid-related budget reductions.

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Reducing the number of athletic programs temporarily placed WSU at risk of losing its Division 1 status in the NCAA. WSU has since received a waiver from the NCAA, however, allowing the university to operate below the minimum program requirement for two seasons.

The intercollegiate athletics committee will be analyzing these and other operational changes, as well as what changes might occur in the future.

### **Student-athlete perspective**

Lainey Stephenson is a member of WSU's volleyball team and the Vice President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. She feels grateful knowing measures are being taken to provide a sense of certainty to student athletes at WSU.

"It's a sense of reassurance that someone's looking out for us, caring for us and putting our thoughts first to make sure we're successful," Stephenson said. "It's a relief to know that someone other than our coaches and athletic directors are caring about us and our futures at Wright State."

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UPDATE: WSU Board of Trustees Unanimously Supports Up to 113 Faculty Cuts

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## **Update on Feb. 19, 2021**

The Wright State University (WSU) Board of Trustees unanimously voted in favor of eliminating up to 113 excess faculty member positions as a result of retrenchment procedures mutually agreed upon in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) during their virtual meeting on Feb. 19.

"I recommend the Wright State Board of Trustees affirm the elimination of up to 113 excess faculty positions, and approve the formal retrenchment of up to 113 full-time faculty positions. That number is on the lower side of the Provost recommendations, but I believe it to be reasonable and appropriate with respect to correcting our disproportionate faculty size compared against current and expected enrollment," said WSU President Sue Edwards.

"I am recommending an "up to" retrenchment number because there are multiple alternatives available that can achieve the elimination of excess positions and then reducing the actual number of positions formally retrenched," Edwards said.

"The board will see further recommendations addressing some of these other options. The joint committee has requested the university to officially pause or suspend the retrenchment process in order to implement some of these types of measures, however, it must be acknowledged similar measures have been tried previously with very limited success," Said Edwards.

While workforce reductions at WSU will occur over an 18-month period, the CBA additionally allows for WSU to reduce the number of faculty ultimately retrenched, and to even call back retrenched faculty members if circumstances prove to show increased enrollment over this 18-month period.

"This is potentially a great tool, given the retrenchment notice period is long. In some cases, up to 18 months," Edwards said. "That affords the opportunity to scale the number of retrenched positions accordingly."

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Moving forward, Edwards announced to the board that she will immediately engage with the university's newly announced Interim Provost, Dr. Oliver Evans to work with college Deans to finalize a list of specific faculty positions to be retrenched.

Evans starts his position as Interim Provost with the university on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

"I am confident the Interim Provost and the Interim Provost working with the Deans and Chairs have the knowledge and experience they need to develop specific plans which will ensure Wright State's ability to deliver an affordable, high quality public education to the Dayton region," Edwards said.

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WSU President Sue Edwards is expected to recommend for approval the formal retrenchment of 113 faculty positions at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting Friday.

After presenting her recommendations, the Board of Trustees will then make the final decision.

Edwards makes this recommendation off of Provost Leaman's report and the Joint Committee on Retrenchment report. The belief that declining enrollment is expected to persist plays a significant factor in the decision.

"It is difficult to imagine that our enrollment will suddenly break a five year pattern of decline given the current circumstances," Edwards said in a letter to the Board of Trustees.

"Unfortunately, other University initiatives over the past several years, such as the two previous voluntary retirement initiatives, have not sufficiently brought our overall FTE faculty positions numbers into a proportion with declining enrollment."

Some recommendations, such as priorities in hiring and the use of adjunct faculty, do not require approval from the Board of Trustees and will be considered at the administrative level.

However, other recommendations must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Edwards plans to make the following recommendations:

- The formal retrenchment of up to 113 FTE faculty.
- An incentive program be offered to those who voluntarily separate from the University.
- The spending of up to \$1 million in the current academic year for enrollment and retention efforts.



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“With the Board’s approval of this recommendation, I will immediately engage the new interim Provost to work with our Deans to finalize a list of 113 specific faculty positions identified to be eliminated/retrenched,” Edwards said.

Leaman officially leaves the University on Feb. 21, on which Oliver Evans will then become the active interim vice provost, announced by the university Wednesday morning.

Edwards addressed the importance of the community’s mutually positive and collaborative efforts in the days to come.

“Given what this University has endured in the past, I am not naive to believe that everyone will share the same perspectives on our issues and solutions,” Edwards said. “But I do believe in the power of positivity.”

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Wright Through My Eyes: Catherine Embury  
Brandon Sutherland  
February 19, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) mathematics major Catherine Embury shoots for the moon and lands at the stars with her esteemed internship acceptance at NASA.

## **Embury pursued her path**

Since her junior year of high school, Embury has relentlessly followed her dreams by consistently applying for internships with NASA.

“It has just been about applying regardless of whether or not I made 100 percent of the qualifications or if I was not confident in my gpa at that point. It is all about persistence,” Embury said.

With this persistence, Embury looks forward to finding cost-effective methods to track small satellites.

## **Support along the way**

Embury can attest to many people within the WSU community that have helped her along in this passion-driven journey.

“In terms of asking for recommendations, professor Baudendistel, who teaches EGR1010, was able to write a letter of recommendation that was really helpful,” Embury said.

Embury also credits her recent success to the Phi Sigma Rho fraternity, who helped her get through the application process. President of Phi Sigma Rho Madeline Prindle and WSU senior Eva Stanglein expressed their joy and excitement for Catherine’s accomplishment.

“We are really proud to have Cath as a sister of Phi Rho. She is a very thoughtful friend who is always willing to lend a hand. We are excited to support her during her next adventure,” said Prindle.

“Cath is an outstanding sister and a great influence for aspiring engineers. She has had a strong impact in our sorority and continues to inspire us to push ourselves to our full potential,” said Stanglein.

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“Being able to find a group of people that will unconditionally support you is great to have,” said Embury.

## **Credit to WSU**

The success and ambition of former Raiders is a key motivating factor for Embury’s persistence.

“I would hear about these people getting NASA internships and other prestigious internships and it was really inspiring. I think there is some credit to WSU being able to say this is what our students do. I know if I was in the opposite position, seeing someone get one of those internships, that would make me feel even more encouraged,” Embury said.

Embury hopes to see students within the WSU College of Engineering follow their dreams as ambitiously as she has.

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Wright Through My Eyes: Hannah Davis  
Roxanne Roessner  
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Wright State University (WSU) senior Hannah Davis is majoring in both financial services and accounting. Davis has six years of experience in the field already at the age of 21, several years ahead of others who are starting their internships now.

## **Financial services and accounting**

According to Davis, they decided to major in financial services because they want to help people and make sure that they are ready for whatever life throws at them.

Davis started interning at Ameriprise Financial when they were a sophomore in high school.

“It was a great opportunity to learn about all the business at such a young age. I just realized that through it, you almost create this large family. You have the people you work with, but you also have hundreds of clients that just make every day worth going to work,” Davis said.

Once Davis joined WSU, they took on a double major of financial services and accounting. Because there were only a few extra classes to take, they ended up doing both.

## **WSU**

Both of Davis’s parents are WSU alumni. Davis, along with her twin sister Tina, would go to WSU basketball games growing up and knew that WSU was the place for them.

“I have absolutely loved my experience here, so I’m glad I came to Wright State,” Davis said.

Davis is set to graduate in the spring and claims it is one of their proudest accomplishments.

## **Series 7 and series 66**

Davis has completed their series seven and series 66 licensing, something that no undergraduate is expected to achieve.

According to Davis, the series seven is a federal license to be a broker, it involves stocks and bonds. Series 66 is the state version of a broker.

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Davis intends to become a private wealth advisor in the future. Because Davis has six years of experience already, the only steps to take to achieve their goal is to become a paraplanner, which is a step below an advisor.

## **Online learning**

Online learning has changed senior year for Davis.

“In some ways, it’s made me more independent. Because of online learning, I’ve been able to take more steps forward in my career, just because it has given me more flexibility... But in financial services, we have to be able to understand people to make our businesses work and we’re missing out on that aspect right now,” said Davis.

Though Davis has had to change how they approach their college education, one thing stays the same for them.

“I always want to help people. I want to go above and beyond to make sure everyone around me is taken care of. That’s what inspires me the most, to be helpful,” said Davis.

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WSU Alumni Finding Success in the Job Field Despite Pandemic

Kaylee Raines

February 20, 2021

The coronavirus has had an impact on people across the globe. Nevertheless, two Wright State University (WSU) alumni are successfully navigating the job field and achieving success despite the pandemic.

## **Alex Dang**

WSU alumni Alex Dang says he has not experienced any job-related issues due to the coronavirus. Following his graduation in 2019 with his Bachelor's of business in marketing, he began his career as a marketing associate with TJC Polymers.

Additionally, he has broadened his horizons by travelling across the country attending music festivals and exploring other states. Dang says that these experiences have even formed an interest in him pursuing a business career that is in the music industry once the pandemic is contained.

"It hasn't really had much of an impact on me personally. We still have to go into work, so I am still getting hours. However, I know it has affected many other people I know. I think it depends on their career field," said Dang.

## **Emily Linker**

WSU alumni Emily Linker has wanted to travel, produce music and take photographs for weddings. However, she is currently working as a recruiter for travelling nurses and is unable to pursue these goals because of the pandemic. In addition to her current career as a nursing recruiter, Linker is a freelance photographer and has been training to learn more about music production.

Having her Bachelor's of business in marketing, Linker plans on using her business skills to start her own business once the pandemic is under control. Her goal is to use her creative skills and business knowledge from WSU to start a business that enables her to travel and explore the world.

"I have not been affected by the pandemic in a negative way- just working from home for now," said Linker.

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While her current job has not been affected, Linker's future plans are on pause until the pandemic is over.

Additionally, Linker credits her education at WSU for her perseverance and entrepreneurial abilities. During her time at WSU, she says that the public speaking requirements and business development projects helped her to gain a deeper understanding for how businesses must plan their journey in order to succeed.